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Code telegram "RINU-SAN-MITSU" No. 80 from the Vice-Minister of War to the Chief of the General Staff of the Kwantung Army in reference to telegram "RINU-SAN-MITSU" No. 715. Dated 24 May, 1938.

Referring to Manchukuo's entry in the Anti-Comintern Pact between Japan, Germany and Italy, we inform you that as far as our country is concerned there would be no objection as clearly stated in the said pact. We are of the opinion that it is best to take on the formality of "Manchukuo requesting entry into the pact on her own will and having Japan assist her in that respect" by seizing a favorable opportunity soon.

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Date--15 May, 1938

Telegram (confidential)

Sent--8:08 pm--14th of May
Arrived--8:55 pm--14th of May

TO : Vice-chief of the General Staff
FROM: Chief of the General Staff of the Kwantung Army

With reference to Manchukuo's entry in the Anti-Comintern Pact concluded between Japan, Germany and Italy, the Army Commander had expressed his opinion to the Chief of the General Staff and the Minister of War through Telegram "RINU-SAN-MITSU" No. 251 in November of last year. And now, the treaty of amity between Manchukuo and Germany has been signed, and the diplomatic relation between these two countries has been established in due form. Therefore, at this time, we wish to make Manchukuo enter as soon as possible in the aforesaid Three Power Pact.

Please send me your opinion at your earliest opportunity.

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Telegram from Commander of the Adventure Army to the Vice-Minister of War and Vice-Chief of the General Staff.

(Telegram No. 251--"KAW-SAN-SAN")

Despatched-----5:20 p.m. 13th of November

Arrived-----6:45 p.m. 13th of November

By the conclusion of the Anti-Comintern Pact between Japan, Germany, and Italy, the obligation of our Empire in the defense against Bolshevism in East Asia today has finally become more important. With regard to our dealing with firm attitude of positive opposition against the Nanking Government that adopted pro-Comintern policy, I have previously expressed our view (refer to Telegram No. 12, "KAW-SAN-SAN"). I consider that, availing of this favorable opportunity under present circumstance, it would be our very timely policy to make Manchukuo enter in the said Pact between the said three countries thereby further enlightening her thirty million people's understanding of the defense against Communism, and simultaneously imparting this upon the great masses of China; and obtaining actual recognition of Manchukuo.

We humbly present to you the above opinions.

In case you have no special objection we wish to let Manchukuo commence her diplomatic activity.

The End.

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Telegram

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May 11 (KERA 13:1238)

To the Director of Military Affairs Bureau

From the Chief of Staff, Kwantung Army

KWAN-SAN-MAN-JEN No. 700

With reference to the contribution by the South Manchuria Railway Co., Ltd. to the TCA KIKIUNO /East Asia Research Institute/ we regret that we cannot agree to it, because, as stated in our telegram No. 567, we think it is not advisable in principle to have the South Manchuria Railway Company make contributions from the same standpoint as private companies, as it is a national policy company. Moreover, the Army has guided the company in such a way as to make it cooperate in carrying out the national policy of Manchukuo and in preparing for war operations against the Soviet Union. Colonel Hsiao of the Planning Board said, in his private letter received recently, that the Government and the Army would lose prestige if the South Manchuria Railway Company should refuse to make contributions, but we here think that the Army's prestige could be maintained rather by having the Government grant a subsidy at this time. Kindly negotiate officially with us about this matter.

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